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## WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

At a recital held last Thursday evening, several Music For Young Children students displayed the talents they have learned lately to an audience filled with proud parents. Great holiday music was to be heard from all of the young piano players.

Photo by Nicole Smith

## Accident claims life of Calgary police officer

### Charges pending against 18-year-old Didsbury man

By Nicole Smith

A Carstairs' family will never be the same after an accident last Monday evening.

The Didsbury RCMP responded to an accident on Highway 2A, approximately two kilometres south of Carstairs, where a Calgary police officer had died at the scene

after being struck by another vehicle.

Henry Mah, 38, of Carstairs, was heading to work in Calgary when his southbound vehicle was struck by a northbound vehicle on Hwy 2A.

The northbound vehicle was driven by an 18-year-old Didsbury male, who cannot be identified at this time.

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RCMP investigation has determined that weather and road conditions, as well as alcohol, are not contributing factors in this accident.

Sergeant Ron Platz, of the Didsbury detachment, says that investigation of the accident scene wrapped up last Friday,

but that the Traffic Collision Analyst is still working on the cause of the accident.

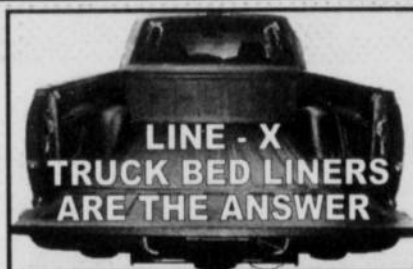
Platz says that all the numbers have been gathered at the scene and that the analyst is looking at what the contributing factors were to this accident.

Platz says that he is anticipating that charges will be laid against the Didsbury man this week, whether they are Criminal Code or Highway Traffic Act charges has yet to be determined.

"There is no doubt that charges will be laid," Platz said.

Mah leaves behind a wife and two children in Carstairs.

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# In the courts: Suspended sentence for vicious attack

## Man punched, kicked victim

A 28-year-old man has admitted viciously beating another man in Olds last spring.

Greg Schaber, 28, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

The accused repeatedly kicked and punched the victim in the head, back, arms and face during an attack at an Olds residence in March, court heard.

The victim suffered numerous injuries in the assault and may require plastic surgery, said Crown prosecutor G. Coombe.

The victim was sleeping in bed when the accused entered the bedroom and attacked him. Police later found blood in the

living room and bedroom.

The accused did not speak during Monday's court appearance. Accepting a joint submission from the Crown and defence, Judge C. Skene handed the accused a two year suspended sentence including probation, and ordered him to undergo anger management counseling.

If the accused fails to remain in good standing with the court during the period of the sentence he can be brought back before the judge for further disposition.

The Crown withdrew all charges against Linda, Ken and Carla Schaber.

## Man threatened woman

A 22-year-old man who admitted threatening a Sundre

woman has been prohibited from possessing guns for one year.

Klinton Prohl pleaded guilty in Didsbury Provincial Court on Monday to a charge of uttering a threat to cause bodily harm.

The accused threatened the victim by telling her she had an "X" on her forehead," prosecutor G. Coombe told Judge Skene.

The victim was frightened for her safety following the incident, court heard.

Prohl was handed a 12-month suspended sentence, including 12 months probation. He was also ordered to undergo anger management counseling, and was prohibited from possessing firearms for 12 months.

## Man fined following fifth conviction

An area man has been convicted of his fifth driving relating criminal offence, prompting Judge F. Maloney to give the accused one last chance to stay out of jail.

Wade Russell Clark, 46, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

The accused was stopped at a routine checkstop near Water Valley, south of Sundre, on June 3, court heard.

Arresting officers noticed numerous signs of impairment.

The accused has four previous convictions for refusing or failure to provide breath samples, including most recently in 1995, Crown prosecutor G. Coombes said.

Calling the accused's criminal record "terrible," Judge Maloney warned Clark that further alcohol related convictions will lead to jail.

"For some reason this man is not getting the message that he can't drink and drive," Maloney said.

"If you continue to drink and drive, you can be assured you will spend some time in jail."

The judge fined Clark \$2,000 and prohibited him from driv-

ing for one year.

## Senior fined for drunk driving

A 69-year-old Torrington man has been fined after being convicted of driving drunk.

Max Jozwiak pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped on Hwy 27 east of Olds on Nov. 8 after officers noticed the man's vehicle weaving on the roadway, court heard.

Breathalyzer tests indicated Jozwiak's blood alcohol level was 210 mg per cent.

Saying drunk driving is a "serious matter within our communities," Judge Mahoney fined the accused \$700 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

# New tobacco reduction project addresses youth use

In response to alarming rates of teen tobacco use in the province, the Alberta Tobacco Reduction Alliance (ATRA), with financial assistance from Health Canada, has launched an ambitious and comprehensive youth tobacco reduction project.

The three-phase Youth Action and Advocacy Project (YAAP) builds on the youth movement against tobacco use by enabling youth to initiate meaningful, community-based tobacco reduction activities.

Five one-day workshops targeted at 15 to 19 year-olds are scheduled for the near future, including Sherwood Park (November 25), Innisfail (December 2), Medicine Hat (December 9), and - in early 2001 - Smoky Lake and Slave Lake.

As many as 22,500 teens start smoking in Alberta every year, and 85% of smokers begin before the age of 16, according to ATRA spokesperson Alan Shaw.

"The purpose of YAAP is to reduce the use of tobacco among young people by actively involving them in developing solutions to youth smoking," says Phil O'Hara, YAAP Project Coordinator.

Each of the workshops focuses on helping youth develop leadership skills, positive attitudes about health and well-being and dispelling the false glamour youth sometimes associates with tobacco.

When young people decide to smoke it is the result of a number of interrelated factors says O'Hara, including peer

pressure, self-esteem issues and tobacco marketing practices.

"Young people will have the opportunity to discuss all these issues within the workshop setting - and to explore possible solutions."

Phase II of YAAP gives teens the opportunity to take direct action in their own communities using YAAP seed grants for local tobacco reduction projects.

Designated funds will be available on condition there be matching financial or in-

kind donations from a community partner.

The third phase of the project will be the creation of a Teen Advocate Council which will advise ATRA on the most effective provincial youth tobacco reduction policies and strategies.

Members will be selected from interested youth who attend a regional workshop.

Any young person interested in participating in one of the workshops should contact Phil O'Hara, Project Coordinator at (780) 407-8589.

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# Checkstops out in full force this holiday season

By Nicole Smith

Drinking and driving. Don't even think about it. With the holiday season comes an increase in impaired drivers and thus, an increase in RCMP checkstops.

Sergeant Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP Detachment says that there is a significant increase in the number of area checkstops throughout the month of December.

Platz says that the local detachment tries to hold one each evening, but sometimes are unable to if the manpower is not there.

He does that a checkstop is definitely held both Friday and Saturday evenings each weekend in December.

Platz says that the checkstops are held all over the detachment area, including Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Water Valley, as well as on county roads and highways within their jurisdiction.

"We try and move around to various locations in our detachment," Platz said.

He says that the RCMP are mainly looking for impaired drivers, but that other violations will be issued as well, including tickets for invalid driver's licenses and so on.

"Mainly we're trying to get the drunk drivers off the road," he concluded.

## ATCO Gas to help Albertans understand prices

By Nicole Smith

ATCO Gas wants to keep Albertans informed.

An information campaign has recently been announced that will help people to better understand the higher bills that they will be seeing over the winter and to inform them of what steps they can take to combat this.

The campaign, which begins immediately, will inform customers of why there is an increase in utility bills and helps with money-saving and budget-management options.

As well, the campaign urges Albertans to try and conserve energy to help lower their costs.

"ATCO wants Albertans to be aware how natural gas prices, like other energy costs, have increased significantly over the past year across North America. We are very concerned about the impact these North American prices are having on Albertans," said Nancy Southern, Co-chair and Chief Executive Officer for the ATCO Group.

ATCO is projecting that average monthly bills could nearly double this winter, from \$87 to \$156 and say that this is because wholesale natural gas prices have doubled this year in North America.

As of Dec. 6, the Alberta spot price for natural gas was \$11.15/ gigajoule, compared to \$2.58/ gigajoule last year and \$1.88/ gigajoule in 1998.

"If our customers are facing economic hardship because of energy prices, we'll help them even out their bills with the Equalizer budget plan, and also suggest easy to use energy saving tips around their homes," said Jerome Engler, Executive Vice President of ATCO Gas.

Officials at ATCO Gas say that they buy their natural gas on the open market at the best possible prices, but that they have no control over the market price charged by independent producers and does not profit from the cost of gas.

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For more information on the new initiative by ATCO, check out their website at [www.atcogas.com](http://www.atcogas.com).

# ATCO Gas



### FATAL ACCIDENT

Police and rescue units were on scene at an accident on Highway 2 last Monday evening that claimed the life of a 38-year-old Calgary police officer.

## Town of Didsbury continues to develop like crazy

By Nicole Smith

As the year draws to an end, many developments in Didsbury are just beginning construction.

According to the Town of Didsbury's Planning and Development Officer, Robert Wigg, development in town has continued at a steady rate.

Wigg says that by the end of 2000, about 40 single family dwellings (SFD) will have been built, compared to 51 last year.

"This number is still fairly high," he said. "I think that last year was just an extraordinary year."

Wigg says that the three-year average for SFD development in Didsbury is also a high number. In 1997, 17 SFDs went up; in 1998, 40 were built and 1999 saw 51 SFDs constructed.

"If you look at the long-term average, it's still a fairly high number," he said.

"I don't think it reflects a slow down at all."

Wigg says that the level of activity at Town Office also can be attributed to the growth in Didsbury. He says that the number of phone calls, inquiries and the total number of permits issued shows that Didsbury isn't at a stand still.

"It certainly shows a very robust economy in Didsbury," Wigg said.

According to Wigg, the number of lots subdivided in Didsbury in 2000 is a high number of 108, compared to 194 over the three years prior. From 1990-96, the number of subdivided lots was a mere 52.

"I guess you just have to look around town to see the level of activity," he said, identifying construction on the east, west and north sides of town.

He also draws attention to the new industry that has moved to Didsbury.

"It shows the interest that is still ongoing in Didsbury ... it's an alternative to some other places," he said.

Finally, Wigg looked at the number of new home occupation permits issued over the past year. An average of 15 new home businesses have been started in Didsbury in the year 2000.

Wigg is hopeful that this boom will continue on in 2001.

"We are looking forward to another busy and prosperous year," he concluded.

## Mid-stream reservoir began operation last week

By Chris Puglia

The Olds mid-stream water reservoir began operation on Friday when water commission president Jim Romaine turned the valve beginning the flow of water through the pumping station.

The Multi-million dollar project began construction last year and will serve to improve water storage and pumping capacity for the communities of Didsbury, Carstairs, and Crossfield and the industrial users, Prime West Energy (Crossfield Gas Plant) and Money's Mushrooms.

Each community represented on the water commission attended the opening along with MLA's Richard Marz and Gary Severtson.

The project was made possible through a 50 per cent split in funds between each municipality on the commission and the province.

There is a \$462,000 outstanding balance on the approximately \$2 million project which will be paid for by the affected municipalities through the application

of a 10 cent per cubic meter reservoir charge.

The 10 cent reservoir fee will be applied until the outstanding balance has been paid off. Users will not be charged administra-

tion or interest costs in regards to the new reservoir. The 10 cent charge will be applied to Crossfield, Didsbury and Carstairs as well as the two industrial users on the system.



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# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Hard to say goodbye



Nicole  
SMITH

It is with a heavy heart that I write this editorial, which is to be the first of two final editorials I do for this paper.

After several years in the safe and cozy comfort of the Didsbury Review, I will soon begin a new voyage on uncharted waters for me, having accepted a position with the Town of Didsbury.

Almost three years ago to this day, I arrived in Didsbury as a work-term student from Mount Royal College. What should have been a year's stay in this small town somehow turned into three. After graduating from college, I returned to the Review to take on the position of Editor, which was nearly two years ago.

I have learned a lot during my time here at the Review, like how to be diplomatic, how to truly listen and how to be a leader. I think that over the past years I have evolved as a human being, from a wild and crazy college student to a more responsible and educated young woman. I think a lot of this has to do with my having been the spokesperson for our community as well as the guidance that I received throughout my career here.

When I decided that it was time for a career change a couple of months ago, I knew it was going to be hard. How do you find a job that you're qualified for, when you don't want to leave Didsbury? It seemed kind of far-fetched, as there is only one newspaper in town, but when an opening came up at the Town I knew I had found my answer. Now I get the best of both worlds, an exciting new change and I don't have to leave this town that I love so much.

Didsbury has truly become home to me, often to the dismay of my mother. I spent 18 years of my life in a small town in BC, but never felt as closely tied to that community as I have over the last few years to Didsbury. I guess in my case home is where you are at, not necessarily where you come from.

I am excited about what the future will hold for me just down the street, but I am also going to miss this job too. Always was I welcomed to any event that happened in Didsbury and given the opportunity to network with people on a regular basis. I was given the opportunity to broadcast important information to Didsburians and had the chance to share my opinions with the community as well. What I will probably miss the most is all the wonderful people I have met during my time at the Review, who gave me an opportunity to look into their worlds for a little while and share their stories with others.

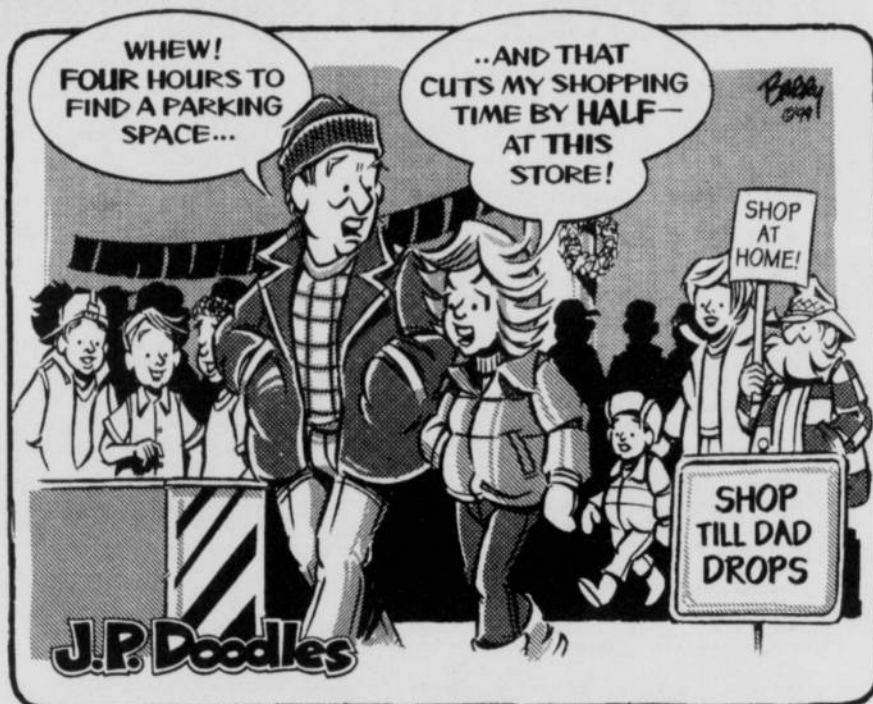
I get a little misty-eyed thinking of how things will be changing for me soon, but am calmed by knowing that I will still be able to walk down the streets of Didsbury, smile at somebody new and know that they will smile back.

I say a huge thank you to all those who have helped me over the past years, especially my contributing writers and my co-workers who are so supportive and such good friends. Your encouragement, along with that of family and friends, has made this change a reality for me.

Thank you Didsburians for your opinions, feedback and criticisms. It has kept my feet on the ground and allowed me to strive for more for this paper.

I guess there's nothing left to say now but goodbye. See you on the street.

*The opinions expressed on this page are that of the author and do not necessarily reflect that of the publisher or the newspaper.*



## Four years and counting for Canadian Alliance

I am looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead for the Canadian Alliance as they work towards forming the government in four years.

We captured 66 seats, six more than in 1997 and secured 740,000 more votes nationally, including 200,000 votes in Quebec.

The results for the Canadian Alliance Party were far better than the Progressive Conservatives, who barely maintained official party status and saw their vote count drop 880,000 from 1997.

We have to remember that this was a premature election call, the Canadian Alliance was only eight months old and our leader was only elected for 103 days.

We are proud to have fielded 298 candidates, compared with only 236 in 1997.

The Alliance has estab-

lished itself as the only national alternative to the Liberals and a strong Official Opposition in a very short period of time.

The challenges for the federal government in 2001 will be diverse and difficult, and will in-

clude everything from native accountability, organized crime, the Human Resources Development Scandal, the RCMP investigations in the Prime Minister's riding, endangered species legislation and the on-going farm crises.

With the addition of some new talent to our caucus, it will be exciting to be part of a new team in exposing the visionless Liberal agenda that has plagued our country for the last seven years.



Myron  
THOMPSON

## Wonderings of the heart Christmas is Special

By Margaret Fradley

Christmas can be one of the most special times of the year. It can also prove to be one of the busiest, and for some a very sad time.

Last Christmas amid all the last minute preparations, decorating, cards and letters to be sent out, food prepared in advance, and thinking we were running out of time, we were suddenly confronted with the death of two very dear friends.

Suddenly those last minute preparations faded away in our minds and hearts; there was time for visits, funeral services, time spent with grieving families.

This brought me back to what is really important not only during the Christmas Season, but each day of the year. It was a wake up call to once again put people and their needs first, remembering to reach out to those in need, whatever their need may be, to become more sensitive to those crying out to be heard, to be visited, to be loved, to be cared for.

After the well made plans of men, perhaps God has other plans for us.

Planning, busyness, become secondary to opportunities to be "Jesus" to those who need us most.



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# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Why extra billing doesn't shorten waiting lists

by Kevin Taft

There are long waiting lists for various medical procedures. Allowing people to pay extra if they want faster service should benefit everyone, right? The people who pay out of their pockets get treated immediately, and in the process take themselves off the waiting lists, reducing delays for the rest of us. The problem is, things never work out this way. Evidence from many places, including Britain, Alberta, and Manitoba, show the opposite to be true: allowing some people to buy quick access to health care leads to waiting lists that get longer, not shorter. What's the explanation?

Imagine you are in a long line-up at the grocery store. To everyone's irritation only one till is open. Suddenly the cashier for your line steps to the next till and flips on the lights. Everyone gets ready to race to the front of the new line. But instead of a second cashier appearing, the one working your line announces, "Anyone who wants faster service can slip me five bucks and I'll serve you in this other line at the 'pay-extra express till.'" There's a bit of grumbling, then the person ahead of you says, "I'm in a hurry.

Here, I've got an extra five dollars," and steps up to get instant service. The rest of you stand waiting, until a second person pulls out a five and gets quick service too.

You've moved up two spots in your line, but because the cashier is over at the pay-extra express till, your wait will be just as long as before. By now, three more people are in line behind you. One of them pulls open his wallet and gets quicker service, and you realize your wait just got longer. The cashier moves back to the till for your line to handle a couple of people, but she seems to be taking her time. And why shouldn't she be? Encouraging people to go to the pay extra line means a nice boost to her income.

Opening a second tier in the health care system for people who can afford to pay more, will be much like opening a pay extra till at the grocery store without increasing the number of cashiers. The number of doctors won't change, but the dynamics of the line-ups certainly will. People with money will get faster treatment. Line-ups for people who rely on medicare and can't pay extra will get longer. Doctors will

have major incentives to work in the private tier, and the more they work there, the less time they will have for the public system.

Even worse, doctors will be motivated to work less efficiently in the public system. They have a lot to gain by keeping public waiting lists long to create the demand for the private "express" system. There is good evidence that exactly this occurs in the two-tiered British system.

The Klein government in Alberta is proposing a variation on two-tiered medicine. Nobody will be allowed to pay for "queue-jumping," but people will be allowed to pay for "enhanced services." Doctors won't be able to charge for medically-necessary services, but they will be able to charge for things like fibreglass casts and cataract lenses with UV filters. This is like banning the cashier from charging for faster service, but allowing her to make more money on sales of premium meats. She has every reason to give better service to people buying premium meat because they are her favourite customers.

Allowing people to buy faster health care will not shorten wait-

ing lists in the medicare system, unless their doctors have completely opted out of the publicly supported health care system. The real solutions to waiting lists can be found with political will, good management, and precise injections of resources. People who say otherwise haven't looked carefully at the evidence. Or, of

course, they may be looking for ways to cut into the line or pocket extra income.

Kevin Taft is author, along with Gillian Steward, of *Clear Answers: The Economics and Politics of For-Profit Medicine* (University of Alberta Press, 2000) and is head of Taft Research and Communications.

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### Notes from Nigeria

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started filling them. The manager came over and asked what I was doing. As a white person it's impossible to be inconspicuous. I said that my car was in the line and I was planning to sleep in it overnight so that I could get fuel the next morning. He asked if I could get it out and bring it to the pumps. Yes, I definitely could do that, and I did! By seven twenty I was home with my tank full of gas. It was soooo nice sleeping in my own bed, nice and warm instead of in the car out in the cold. Cold may be a bit strong for the temperatures here. It gets down into the 50's Fahrenheit, or 9 to 14 C. It just feels cold. Anyway, I was very grateful to God to get my gas and go home. The attendant who filled my tank seemed to think that I should give him a 'dash' or a gift. I didn't. The next day when I drove past the station it was a 'zoo' with people and cars all over the place. The day after that I went back and gave the attendant and his friends some tracts. This is a way of giving him something for his help without paying a bribe.

I now have enough petrol for the vacation season, but I'm praying that the few rich and powerful people here in Jos who are causing the petrol shortage will be dealt with as God sees fit. I've been convinced that shouldn't buy 'black market' petrol, and God has provided for me whenever I've needed it. However, I don't condemn others who buy on the black market. Many of them can't wait in line for a couple of hours. Right now, my hours are flexible enough

to allow me to do that. I can even take work with me to do while I'm waiting. Particularly those who work at Hillcrest can't do that, but enough about petrol. Last night there was a very good band and choir concert at the School. The beginner band was a bit off, but it was great to see our students using their musical abilities in that setting. There were a lot of proud parents watching and applauding! Afterwards there was an Art display and an Industrial Arts display, showing what the students have done this semester. Events like these can be very good for building a sense of community among the parents. Also the students need opportunities like these to perform and display their talents.

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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Disappointment over Liberal majority - a new party

Dear Editor,

On the one hand I am very excited that Canadian Alliance won an overwhelming majority of seats in Alberta; but on the other hand, I am extremely disappointed that the Liberal domination was not broken.

For me, I feel more alienated as an Albertan than ever before.

Because of it, I feel strongly that we need, desperately need, a strong provincial government that will stand up for us against the feds.

To date, I do not feel that Ralph's team has done that. Instead of flatly turning down the Gun Registration, he chose to fight it through the courts (that's my money doing that).

He has chosen to sign on to the Social Union Deal which means even more transfer dollars that belong to Alberta (you and me) go elsewhere. Although Ralph has endorsed the Canadian Alliance, do you see anything like Recall, Referendum, Free Votes, Elected Judges, Fixed Election Dates, Strengthened Property Rights...???

Well neither do I!

Now let me make it plain, I am not for Western or Alberta separation from Canada, but we could learn a lesson from Quebec who within the Rights given by the Constitution (see BNA Act) collect their own

taxes, including the Federal taxes and then forward dollars to Ottawa. Also, Quebec has been the only province to effectively use the not-withstanding clause on more than one occasion.

My cry once again is for strong provincial leadership that truly looks after my interests and in one that I can go to the bank on - with my own money.

Today we have made a step in that direction.

We have a new provincial party.

It is a party with roots, real

deep grass roots coming out of the Alberta Social Credit Party. It is Freedom Alberta.

What a concept - the Freedom to Farm, Freedom to own Firearms, Freedom for Families, Freedom to a Secure Health Care, Freedom to Educate, Freedom to Trade, and even Freedom to Recall our MLAs.

Social Credit promoting Freedom for Alberta!

I love it - Let's be free - Freedom Alberta.

Sincerely,  
Dale Trefz  
Hanna, Alberta

## An open invitation for Christmas

Dear Editor,

How are you going to spend Christmas Day? Is your family away? Are you dreading another lonely Christmas?

Have we a surprise for you! The annual Christmas Day dinner. It's for all who would like to be with others on this special day. Why not join us!

NOTE LOCATION: ELKS HALL.

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bring a smile, a wrapped gift for annual gift exchange, and your appetite. I am looking forward to spending my day with you. Come and make my Christmas brighter.

Phone to reserve your place at 335-3629.

See you there.

Sincerely,  
Linda Sirr

## To all credit card users

As retailers we have all been made awake numerous times either through family, friends, strangers, newspapers and even on television, not to accept a major credit card from a consumer unless in fact it is that consumers card. I am not saying anything nobody hasn't heard before, it is just another reminder to everyone, of the outcome. A credit card issued to someone and used by "your wife, husband, aunt uncle, etc." for whatever the case may be, and should be refused by the retailer and in turn the consumer should respect that. Isn't that what all this is about - to stop fraud?

As consumers, if there are any questions that are raised by the store clerk about the use of a credit card at the time of a purchase, we should all understand that there is a reason for it. Some reasons might be as obvious as a female using a male's card. Or visa-versa, or as technical as a signature not matching. Everyone is entitled to having a "bad signing day," but there may be some questions raised.

Instead of getting upset, mad, and swearing at the clerk like has been done to us at the Dollar Store and Parties 'N Crafts, please just be patient and understand it is not made to be an embarrassment to you - it is a

job. Maybe as a consumer what we should do is "use our own card" to eliminate an uncomfortable situation for a lot of people.

I guess all I'm trying to say is that, even though we have upset customers because of this, it certainly was not our intent. When I hear of instances like this from our staff it causes

some heartache, but also makes me think our staff is doing their job.

Karen and myself are very proud of our staff in knowing they are doing a wonderful job and maybe even helping.

"Take a bite out of crime."

Sincerely,  
Mark Missikewitz,  
Didsbury, AB

2034 19th Ave.  
Didsbury

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CHOCOLATE WAFERS 10% OFF  
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ROASTED CASHEWS 1.79/100G  
BAKING CHOCOLATE 10% OFF

**WEBB'S BULK FOOD**  
335-3712

Great selection of  
Christmas Candy,  
trays & baskets.

**BUY BULK & SAVE \$**

## Hampers a success

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all who have responded to this year's Christmas Helper Program. What a great town we live in! We still would welcome all help ie. groceries, unwrapped gifts and financial gifts to pay for turkeys and extra food. Please make cheques payable to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church with "hamper" on the bottom of cheque and we can give you a receipt.

Events to mark on your calendar:

Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. - annual gift wrapping. Bring scissors, tape, left over wrapping paper, etc.

Dec. 23 at 9:30 - assemble food boxes.

Events all happen at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. Know of a family that could use this type of help this Christmas? Contact Maureen at 335-3629, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note that all gifts, food and money need to be in by December 21.

Thank you in advance for all your support in making this year's Christmas Helper Program another success.

Sincerely,  
Linda Sirr & Linda Regner

**TOWN OF DIDSBURY**

Town Office: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. 335-3391  
Shop Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 335-8343  
Landfill Site Hours: 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 335-8653  
Didsbury Aquatic Centre Schedule 335-7369  
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre 335-7369

Library Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat. 335-3142  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed. 335-8193  
Lions Recycling Centre 335-8193  
Main Street Project Office 335-3265  
Rosebud Valley Campground 335-8578

**RE: UTILITIES**

Due to a typing error the due date on the current utility bills reads incorrectly. The correct due date should read as  
**DECEMBER 22, 2000**  
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Christmas Hours**  
Dec. 22: 8:30 - 2 p.m.  
Dec. 25 & 26: Closed  
Dec. 27: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 1: Closed  
Jan. 2: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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[www.town.didsbury.ab.ca](http://www.town.didsbury.ab.ca)

**Town Office**  
Town of Didsbury Public Meetings  
Regular Council: Jan. 17  
MPC: Jan. 3  
Corporate Services: Jan. 9

## NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING (DEVELOPMENT)

- To:
- a) the applicant
  - b) the appellant
  - c) the Municipal Planning Commission
  - d) those owners required to be notified under the land use by law and any other person that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board considers to be affected by the appeal and should be notified

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the Town of Didsbury hereby gives notice of a hearing to be held at the Town of Didsbury Administration Office, 2037 - 19th Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta

DATE: Tuesday, December 19, 2000 TIME: 12:00 Noon

Relevant to an appeal lodged with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board regarding:

Legal Description: Block A, Plan 2981 JK  
CHRISTENSEN, John and Debbie (Applicant/Appellant)

Type of Development: Farm Operation - Alpaca

The appeal was lodged by the applicant, regarding a refusal of a development permit application.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board shall hear:

- a) the appellant or any person acting on his/her behalf;
- b) the development authority from whose order, decision, or development permit the appeal is made, or if a person is designated to act on behalf of the development authority, that person;
- c) any other person who was served with notice of the hearing and who wishes to be heard or a person acting on his/her behalf, and
- d) any other person who claims to be affected by the order, decision, or permit, and that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board agrees to hear or a person acting on his/her behalf.

Alana Hagel  
Secretary  
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board



# Lifestyles

Features • Community Clubs • Religion • Local Personalities

## Many helping hands contribute to hospital dinner

By Nicole Smith

If you thought putting on a Christmas dinner for your family was hard work, try serving this special meal to over 400 guests.

That's exactly what the staff of the Didsbury Hospital did last Thursday evening, along with a lot of help from many volunteers.

Dawna Faryna, Volunteer Coordinator for the hospital, says that this is one of the biggest events hosted annually in Didsbury.

The dinner is served to the 90 residents of the various units in the hospital, who each invite about four guests. Also, all patients in the acute care unit receive a special meal as well.

"It's like the whole hospital gets a wonderful Christmas dinner," she said.

Faryna says that the reason the dinner is such a success each year is because of all the volunteer effort from hospital employees, their families and other members of the community.

She says that besides those on hand during the dinner, a lot of groups volunteer their time

before the dinner takes place.

The Didsbury High School students bring over tables and chairs for the dinner, and pick them up again once it is done.

Dishes and cutlery are brought in from area churches and extra kitchen staff volunteer their time to help prepare the turkey dinner.

As well, instead of lining up to get their meal, all the residents are served by the staff and volunteers.

"It's a pretty fancy dinner," Faryna said.

"It allows families to share the Christmas spirit with our residents."

Prior to the special evening, extra nursing staff comes in to help dress the residents in their Christmas outfits and all are given a corsage to wear to dinner.

After everyone is finished their meals, the entertainment begins, with numerous area musicians playing some great Christmas tunes for the guests and residents.

"This is all for our residents,"

Faryna says of the huge effort.

"The work that goes into this is just unbelievable."



**HELPING HANDS**  
Many volunteers contribute to the success of the Hospital Christmas Dinner each year.

## Rosebud School celebrates centennial anniversary

On December 2nd, Rosebud Hall saw the return of 32 ex-students and four teachers of the School, with their spouses and friends. They celebrated the 100th year of Rosebud's existence as a school from 1900 to 1953, and as a Hall for the Community to the present time.

The teachers were Alyce Weiss Francis of Carstairs, 1938-41; Jean Robertson Ford of Eckville, 1941-1943; Frances Davis Klein, 1944-1945; and William Blare of Calgary, who was Rosebud's last teacher.

Festivities started just before 11:00 a.m. with the first of the arrivals, greeted by hostess Florence Causey. The old school record books were on display to be pored over, plus school photos and snapshots of chums and community events.

At 12:00 noon, dinner hour began with Grace, given by Master of Ceremonies Walter Scheidt, followed by a minute of silence in remembrance of the teachers and fellow students who are treasured in memory. Since this was a school lunch, an old Rogers Syrup pail was in evidence as a container, along with the old "trunk" style black lunch bucket. Each returnee and teacher introduced themselves and spouses or friends and it was noted by Alyce Francis, that she received the magnificent sum of \$842.00 a year from the Rosebud School Board, always paid on time, which wasn't always the case with other Boards. The largest enrollment

shown on the record books was 39 students, in Grades 1 to 9. This was followed by a time of reminiscing of happenings during the school years, which produced some hilarity. John Parker, who was the Commissioner for the Northwest Territories for a number of terms, paid tribute to the teachers for the excellent education that the students all received.

The old school yell was resurrected, and Mrs. Joan Fulkert gave a humorous reading. Mrs. Jean Ford played the piano for a sing song of the tunes we used to sing.

At 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Frances Klein, who is 95 years young, cut the birthday cake, and members of the Rosebud Community and friends gathered for

coffee and cake with the returnees.

Mrs. Elsie Scheidt won the Reunion plate, painted by Joyce Mullen, and Mr. William Blare won the floral arrangement provided by the Scheidt family.

The oldest student was Mrs. Nita Wilson St. Clair from Olds, who started school in 1916. The youngest was Bob Klein from Sherwood Park, who started in 1951 and was there in 1953 when Rosebud closed.

In closing, Mr. William Blare congratulated the Community for keeping the Hall so active, and thanked all present for the wonderful time he had that day.

The Reunion was pronounced a smash hit, and it was indeed a day to remember.



## B.P.O.E. Installation

by Marge St. Clair

Saturday evening, November 25, friends and family gathered at the Elks Hall for the installation of officers for the year 2001. Installation duties were shared by the District Assistant Deputy Brother Herman Wile of Okotoks, Grand Chaplain of the Alberta Elks Association Brother Bill Ward, Past Exalted Ruler Brother Stu Tighe, assisted by District Deputy Brother Gary Casey of Crossfield and Past Exalted Ruler Dave Franz as installing Secretary.

The evening opened with the singing of O Canada and a prayer after which the ladies of the Royal Purple Drill Team, namely Ladies Fran Patten, Elinor Clark, Bernice Blois, Ellen Tevensdale, Marjorie Dowell, Kelly Larson, Ev Franz, and Margaret Malloch, to the wonderful music of Lady Shirley Thompson and Brother Dave Smith Junior, escorted the elected officers to the front to take their oaths of office. The officers are as follows: Exalted Ruler - Brother Don Neal, Past Exalted Ruler - Brother Terry Stevenson, Leading Knight - Brother Cam Steward, Lecturing Knight - Brother Guy Domasch, Loyal Knight - Brother Ron Townrow, Secretary - Brother Ernie Wagner, Treasurer - Brother Ron Patten, Esquire - Brother Dave Smith Senior, Tyler - Brother Robert Hurst, Chaplain - Brother Tom Natyshen, Publicity & History - Brother Maurice St. Onge, Membership - Brother Jim Wadel, Trustee - Brother Keith McKinnon, Inner Guard - Brother Rick Sanderson, and Organist - Brother Dave Smith Junior.

Brother Terry Stevenson was presented with the Past Exalted Ruler's pin as his term of Exalted Ruler came to a close.

Greetings were brought from the Alberta O.O.R.P. by Secretary Lady Marjorie Dowell and from the Crossfield and Okotoks Lodges. Flowers were presented by the Exalted Ruler to Mrs. Neal and little granddaughter and to Mrs. Dave Smith Senior. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen and a prayer.

Lady Kelly Larson presented Exalted Ruler Don Neal with their 31st birthday cake. All enjoyed lunch and visiting to close the evening.

Many organizations have received generous donations from the Elks Club over the past year, namely the Didsbury Battalion of the R.C.A.S. Corps, Olds Special Olympics, Didsbury Home Help, Didsbury Food Bank, Didsbury Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, the maintenance of the Tennis Courts and the park at Cipperley's Dam, Minor Baseball, Ag Society Parade, Historical Society (Free Hall Rent), Elks Royal Purple Fund for Children, etc. etc.

Ross Ford students are busy preparing for Christmas.



## News from the Dragon's Den

The JV Girls have some elegant new sweatshirts. The team would like to thank Blake Anderson and Persimmon Patch for their cooperation in the purchasing of these sweatshirts. The embroidery is excellent and the price was very affordable.

Also, Mrs. Durocher and Mrs. Flanagan thank Melissa Kemmere for her assistance in coaching.

Special thanks to the team players for being such a great group. The coaches appreciated the gifts.

On December 13 at 2:15, the Student Council has organized a multi-media presentation called "Free-way."

The school dance will take place on December 14. Any parent wishing to supervise, please call the school.

## Library news

New books are arriving every month at your library...check out the bookshelf near the front window for some of them. The bestsellers, however, are usually out, and the best way for you to get a chance to read them is to place a hold. Our staff can do this for you or you can do it through the public access catalogue at the library. You can also view the catalogue of all the Parkland Regional Libraries' collections and place holds on books in Didsbury or elsewhere from the comfort of your own home. Just go to the website: [www.prl.ab.ca](http://www.prl.ab.ca) and click on Catalogue! You will need your library card so that you can enter your barcode number, just as you do at the library.

Also, soon to be available from your home computer is the Electric Li-

brary Canada. Check out this powerful database of magazines, transcripts, pictures, and maps at the library and find out how you can access it at home because of Parkland's enhanced subscription on your behalf.

ATCO Gas has just presented us with Volume VIII of "Alberta in the 20th Century." Titled, "The War that United a Province" this volume covers Alberta's history from 1939 to 1945. We are grateful for ATCO's generous support of our collection and you will enjoy the wealth of information and pictures that tell our story.

Many thanks to all those who attended our annual Fashion Show last month.

We hope you enjoyed it and we are already planning something special for next year!

## Ross Ford news

by Matthew Jaenen, TJ English, & Nathan Bunch

The kindergarten students, from the morning class, are busy preparing for their upcoming concert on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ross Ford gym. Merry

Christmas from the kindergarten students and teachers.

by Ryan Hunter & Evan Sherman

Mr. Mohns gave 3A, Mrs. Jensen's class, an interesting presentation on Egypt.

They are now studying sound and hearing in Science. Soon, they will study the Inuit.

Everyone is looking forward to Christmas.

by Jo Milne & Yasmine Voegeli

3C, Mrs. Lorna Brown's class, are excited about Pioneer

Christmas and crafts.

Mr. Gord Fulton gave an interesting presentation on Pioneers - they even made ice cream like the pioneers did.

In math, we laugh when Mrs. Brown puts equal parts of playdough on our heads and shoulders to help us learn about fractions.

Gary and Daryl Williamson  
Rocanville, SK

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Chief Executive Officer  
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

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## Protecting your health.

Barbara Beattie works with her detector dog Rookie and her colleagues at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. They help stop forbidden items from entering Canada that could damage our plants and animals or contaminate our food supply. This is just one of many services aimed at protecting the health of all Canadians.

To learn more about the hundreds of services available from the Government of Canada:

- Visit the Service Canada Access Centre nearest you
- Visit [www.canada.gc.ca](http://www.canada.gc.ca)
- Call 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232), TTY/TDD: 1 800 465-7735

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## Common ground

Christmas is soon upon us and Kallie and Sandy would like to wish all of you a very safe and Happy Holiday Season and may the New Year bring peace to all of our communities.

I just returned from a week in Regina attending training to become a facilitator in "Community Justice Forums" or "Family Group Conferencing" as it is sometimes known. I was able to participate and co-facilitate in several forums and the results were powerful. I witnessed barriers built up through anger and fear break down. I saw new bonds being forged between parties and a level of trust and stability were restored within the community. So, instead of hurt, conflict and alienation that our traditional system of justice creates, I saw healing, peacemaking and unity unfold during the Community Justice Forums.

We want youth to take responsibility for their behaviours and often we think incarceration is the answer. Incarcerating youth is not always the only answer. In fact, incarceration has a negative effect. The following is the reality of what happens to our youth when they're sent to prison.

### PRISONS

We want youth to have self-worth, so we destroy their self-worth.

We want youth to take responsibility, so we take away all responsibilities.

We want youth to be part of

our community, so we isolate them from our community.

We want youth to be positive, so we degrade them and make them feel useless.

We want youth to be trustworthy, so we put them where there is no trust.

We want youth to be non-violent, so we put them in a place where there is violence all around them.

We want youth to be kind and loving people, so we subject them to hatred and cruelty.

We want youth to quit being the tough guy, so we put them where the tough guy is respected.

We want youth to quit hanging around with losers, so we put all the losers under one roof.

We want youth to quit exploiting us, so we put them where they exploit each other.

We want youth to take control of their lives, own their own problems, and quit being a parasite, so we make them totally dependant on us.

The stigma of being labeled an offender and having a criminal record can alienate youth from their community or even their family. Incarceration completely removes them from their family and community. Victims also report having feelings of alienation and isolation from the court process where they have little or no involvement.

Community Justice Forums have the opposite effect that prisons have. An important feature of Community Justice Forums is the commitment to the reintegration of the offender back into the community. The concept of reintegration is cen-

tral to the larger goal of healing and of repairing harm. Also victims' feelings of alienation are reduced, as they become active participants in achieving justice. Unless everyone touched by an incident can be involved in making things right, healing cannot take place.

Our current justice system assumes that each case must have a winner and a loser. The Community Justice Forum process allows all parties to be winners as all participants are involved in deciding the outcome.

All must agree that the outcome is fair to victims, offenders and the wider community. Community Justice Forums allow labels to be cast aside and healing among all stakeholders can begin. Prisons produce better criminals and community justice forums create better citizens, which means safer communities. What would you rather have?

Sandy Atkin  
Regional Outreach Worker  
Youth Justice Resource Association



### Martinson & Harder Law Offices

Martinson & Harder Law Offices Are Located At:

Didsbury Branch Office  
Realty World Bldg.  
1912 - 20 St  
Didsbury, Alberta  
T0M 0W0

Main Office:  
#1, 5401-49 Ave  
Olds, Alberta  
T4H 1G3

Sundre Branch Office:  
Penny Agencies Bldg.  
Sundre, Alberta  
T0M 1X0

For All Offices:

Phone - 556-8955  
Fax - 556-8895  
E-mail - lawmart@ccinet.ab.ca

**DIDSBURY DRUGS**

**Kids Night**  
Dec. 14  
6:30 - 8:30

- The Thursday night every kid looks forward to (infant to 16 years)
- Free coffee at Mugs Coffee House for parents
- Parent helper supplied by "Just Done For Fun" after school program
- All packages gift wrapped and tagged
- We pay the G.S.T. on most items

335-3066

## MESSAGE TO ALL FIREARM OWNERS

# 1

### You NEED A FIREARMS LICENCE by January 1, 2001

Due to heavy demand, the \$10 fee for a Possession-Only Licence will remain in effect until December 31, 2000.

Only the \$60 Possession and Acquisition Licence will be available after this year. (You must pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course or equivalent to get this licence.)

For more information, assistance or forms: call **1 800 731-4000** or visit our Web site at **www.cfc.gc.ca**

Application forms are also available at Canada Post outlets and Service Canada Access Centres.

# 2

**IT IS NOT A LEGAL OPTION to have a firearm without a licence.**

### If you DON'T PLAN TO GET A LICENCE by January 1, 2001, these are your options:

**A** You can sell or give your firearm to a properly licensed person or business  
OR

**B** You can turn it in to your local police station (Call first.)  
OR

**C** You can have it properly deactivated.

To find out about the legal requirements for any of these options, call **1 800 731-4000** or visit our Web site at **www.cfc.gc.ca**

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# Alberta Connects



# Action on Electricity Prices

## Current Situation

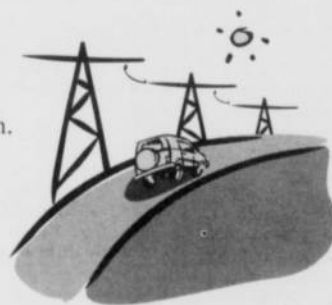
- Six years ago the Alberta Government introduced plans to deregulate the electricity industry.
- In many places around the world deregulation has resulted in greater competition, increased electrical supply and better prices for consumers.
- Recently factors unrelated to deregulation have caused electricity prices to rise.
- Our strong economy and unprecedented growth have increased the demand for electricity and caused prices to go up.
- Increases in natural gas prices have also caused prices to go up as  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our electricity is generated from natural gas.

## Government Action to Protect Albertans from Rising Prices

- Two new programs will provide a total of \$840 in energy rebates for the average Alberta family.
- \$760 million in electrical rebates are being provided to industrial users.
- The Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) will conduct hearings into the current price situation in Alberta.
- **Residential prices charged for electricity will be virtually constant for one year.**
- The previously announced rate rider increases have been put on hold and a regulated rate option of 8 cents per kilowatt/hour has been established across Alberta. This will prevent any increases to the cost of energy to consumers.

## Our Electricity Future

- The Alberta Government remains committed to electricity deregulation.
- In the past two years enough new power to more than light up the City of Calgary has come on stream (1400 megawatts).
- In the next three years enough new power to light up the City of Edmonton and two cities the size of Red Deer will be developed (1600 megawatts).



For more information please visit our website at [www.gov.ab.ca](http://www.gov.ab.ca)

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**TURKEY TIME**

Many 5-0 Club members enjoyed a delicious Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings last Wednesday afternoon.

## Make road report your priority before winter travel

Wondering what road conditions are like before you head off to work in the morning?

Going on a cross-province trip and want to be sure you can get there safely? Concerned about getting to your weekend destination?

Make the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) free Road Report service, available to all Albertans and visitors, the first thing you check. Reports are available on the Internet at [www.ama.ab.ca](http://www.ama.ab.ca).

From the AMA home page, click on "Road Reports" and you will have access to specific road conditions reports by region for the entire province.

Every day throughout the winter, these reports cover major commuter highways, including Hwy 2 between Calgary and Edmonton. These reports are updated on the website by 6:30 a.m. in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer.

A local report for other centres is available by 7:30 a.m. And a province-wide update on all major highways is available by 9:00 a.m., including the latest road conditions in the mountain parks.

Road Reports are based on information provided directly by highway maintenance companies under contract to Alberta Infrastructure, and by the RCMP.

Updates continue 24-hours-a-day, whenever driving conditions change.

The AMA is the only complete source of such information in the province, and is the only private-sector organization in the country providing this service at this level.

Hundreds of thousands of website hits and telephone calls were answered last year. In fact, Road Report is consistently the number-one "hit" on AMA's website.

Reports are also available by telephone:

Calgary - 403-246-5853  
Fort McMurray - 780-799-4135  
Lethbridge - 403-320-7623  
Red Deer - 403-342-6611

Edmonton - 780-471-6066  
Grande Prairie - 780-532-0148  
Medicine Hat - 403-527-3664  
And for rural members of

Alberta Motor Association only, Road Reports are also available for you during regular weekday working hours by calling 1-800-642-3810.

## Mountain View 4-H Dairy Club report

We have started our 4-H season. Our first meeting was October 20th. We welcomed old and new members Yasmine Voegeli, Laura Iverson, Desiree Gerber.

New executive is:  
President - Jill Stevens  
Vice President - Sarah Kemmere  
Secretary - Johnatan Renggli  
Treasurer - Melissa Kemmere  
Historian - Joey Kemmere  
Club Reporter - Joey Folkerts  
First Judging meeting was November 23 at Renggli's farm.  
Bowling day is December 28, 11:00 o'clock at Olds bowling alley.  
Next Judging meeting will be January 2 at Don Chalack's at 11:00 o'clock.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Hospital Auxiliary December report

By Mary Devine

The Didsbury Health Care Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 30th with 13 members present.

It was decided that we would provide funding for a heavy duty sewing machine for the Occupational Therapy Department.

The renovations to the Recreation Department kitchen have been completed. It is very modern and spacious. We also provided them with a new deep freeze this year.

On Tuesday, December 1st, the annual tea, bake sale, and raffle was held and 1st prize was an afghan won by Florence Cawsey; 2nd prize - a plush bear won by Millie McNeil and 3rd a plush bear won by Ethel Reinhardt.

The sum of \$250.00 was realized. The Auxiliary members wish to thank the public and patients for their support to this event.

Oranges will be distributed to the patients during December.

We are pleased to have four new members: Betty Thompson, Joel Levelle, Shirley Somerville, and Marlene Pieper.

Everyone is welcome to attend our next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the hospital.

## Cremona Lions: Busy times

by Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

### Bingo News:

Our first Bingo for this year was held on November 22. It was a fair start, being attended by 38 players. Our next monthly Bingo is on December 20. We trust that many more players will participate on this day.

### Ladies Night:

As always, this turned out to be an outstanding event. Cremona Country Catering surpassed itself with an excellent meal.

This was followed by various toasts and speeches.

The evening closed with the traditional dance with the band playing exceptionally well.

A lot of time and trouble goes into the organizing of this function. Lion Larry Steeves and his committee worked very hard in achieving a fine end product. We therefore hope that attendance improves for future years.

### Cochrane Activities:

Two representatives from this organization were on hand at the November 27 regular meeting to give our Lions a run-down on how their organization functions.

Cremona Lions have been supporters of the Activettes for many years, having donated many thousands of dollars. We were surprised to learn from the presentation that each hamper costs some \$300 to \$500.

The Cremona area is the recipient of about a dozen hampers each year.

### Tessa:

Tessa and her parents were visitors at our last Supper Meeting. Her parents gave our Club some details of how Tessa is progressing.

### Charter Night:

This will be held in April, 2001. There will be many reminders so that we have at least a decent attendance to show appreciation for the fine work being done by the organizers.

May all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



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Sunday, December 31, 2000

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## WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

### Focus on the Family



**QUESTION:** Early this year, my husband of 11 years announced that he didn't love me anymore. Joe told me that he would be leaving, though by begging and pleading with him he agreed to stay for a while. Then one night he became cruel and said many mean things before walking out. Every time I see him I humiliate myself. I beg him to call the kids and me, but he only says, "I don't want to talk to you."

I tell him how much I love him, and he'll reply, "I have no love for you! I don't hate you, but I don't love you either." I was recently told by my doctor that I must have surgery on my eyes next week and that I might possibly lose my vision. Out of fear and panic, I broke down and called my husband, but he responded with indifference to the news. I asked if he would take me to the hospital and stay in the waiting room while I had the surgery. Joe hesitated and then said, "Well, I guess so." Why is Joe acting this way to me? Is there something I am doing wrong?

**DR. DOBSON:** I'm going to speak very directly to you, although I understand the pain that you're going through. There is no greater heartache in life than to be rejected by the one you love. But by courage and determination, you will survive the crisis that has beset your home. With that, let me say that the compulsion that is driving you to plead for Joe's attention and love is systematically destroying your last glimmer of hope for reconciliation. By groveling before him, you are stripping yourself of all dignity and respect. Those two attitudes are critical ingredients in any stable and fulfilling relationship, and you are systematically destroying them.

This is the message you are conveying inadvertently: "Oh, Joe, I need you so badly. I can't make it without you. I spend my days waiting for you to call and am crushed when the phone doesn't ring. Won't you please, please let me talk to you occasionally? I'll take you any way I can have you — even if you want to walk all over me. I am desperate here without you." This is a classic panic reaction, and it is leading you to appease your husband. Appeasement is virtually never successful in human relationships. In fact, it often leads directly to war, whether between husbands and wives or between antagonistic nations. Attempts by one side to "buy off" an aggressor or offender may seem like proposals of peace, but in most cases they merely precipitate further insult and conflict.

Nothing destroys a romantic relationship more quickly than for a person to throw herself, weeping and clinging, on the back of the cool partner to beg for mercy. That makes the wayward spouse even more eager to escape from the leech that threatens to suck his life's blood. He may pity the wounded partner and wish that things were different, but he can rarely bring himself to love again under those circumstances.

You need to understand that Joe's withdrawal from the relationship is directly linked to his quest for freedom. He is feeling suffocated and wants to escape from the marriage. By humiliating yourself and clinging to his ankles each time you meet, you increase his desire to get away. The more he struggles to gain his freedom, the more he feels your clutches around him. It becomes a vicious cycle.

**QUESTION:** Are all forms of child abuse illegal?

**DR. DOBSON:** Not in any practical sense. Within certain limits it is not illegal to ignore a child or raise him or her without love.

Nor is it against the law to ridicule and humiliate a boy or girl. Those forms of rejection may be more harmful even than some forms of physical abuse, but they are tougher to prove and are usually not prosecutable.

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## Alberta's students continue to shine on international stage

"Alberta students have attained world-class results that are consistent with Alberta's high standards," Learning Minister, Dr. Lyle Oberg.

Alberta's Grade 8 students are among the best in the world, which has been verified in the largest global study of comparative educational achievement in science and mathematics.

Results from the 1999 Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS-99) shows Alberta's results in science are in the top handful around the globe.

No other country scored significantly higher than Alberta. Our province's students ranked alongside Taiwan and Singapore.

In math, only six countries and the province of Quebec scored significantly higher than Alberta. Those countries are Singapore, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and Belgium (Flemish).

"The exceptional quality of Alberta's education system is demonstrated by these international tests and the excellent results achieved by our students," says Learning Minister Dr. Lyle Oberg.

"We expect a lot from our students, and thanks to their hard work, and strong dedication and commitment from Alberta's teachers, they continue to meet and exceed these high expectations."

The 1999 results are similar to the results Alberta students achieved in the 1995 TIMSS in both science and mathematics.

More than 1,200 students from 55 schools across the province participated in the 1999 study.

Alberta along with British

Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland had samples large enough to enable each province to report separate results, as did the participating countries.

A total of 8,770 Grade 8 students from across Canada took part in these tests. Students in equivalent grades from 37 other countries also participated in the study.

TIMSS data was first collected in 1995 for Grades 3, 4, 7, 8 and 12. The 1999 study was designed for Grade 8 stu-

dents only, as they had been tested as Grade 4 students in 1995.

A third round of data collection is scheduled for 2003.

In addition to the test results, the study gathered information about curriculum and instruction in participating schools.

This information will be shared with schools across the province and will allow Alberta to maintain its status as having one of the best educational systems in the world.

## Many benefits to Thrift Store shopping

The Didsbury Thrift Store operated by the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church and managed by Ev Peters would like to report a very successful year of operation for 2000. Due to community support the store was able to return to the community an amount in excess of \$20,000 to various organizations. Those who benefited were: Homework Club, May Monarch, Didsbury Home Help, CSB Battalions, CSB Stockaders, CEF of Alberta, Didsbury Youth Club, YFC Campus Life Club of Carstairs, ZEMC Summer Camps Scholarships, ZEMC Summer Youth Missions, Didsbury Skate Board Facility Fund Organizers, Anderson Fire Relief Assistance, and God's Girls of Didsbury.

The Thrift Store Committee wishes to thank all of those who supported the store in donations, volunteer work, and for making the store a place to stop and shop for those great and unique bargains. We take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Christmas and blessed New Year.

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### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14 St. Didsbury  
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ph: 335-3551 email: cwcc@cinet.ab.ca  
Call 335-3323 for Open Sky Learning Centre  
Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope  
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### Fortress Baptist Church

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(SW entrance facing businesses)  
Pastor Jim Warkentin • 335-4878  
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Meet you at the Station.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury Phone 556-3084  
Mass Time: 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday

### Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5 kilometers south of the Didsbury overpass  
8 kilometers East on Berghal Road  
Summer Schedule (June 25 - Sept. 3)  
Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Church (ages 3 - grade 3)  
For more information phone 335-4451 (church office)

### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA  
1500 - 23rd Street  
Rev. Robert Mohs  
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Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
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### West Zion Mennonite Church

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### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

2030 - 21st Avenue  
Phone: 335-3629  
Grant Sikstrom, Senior Pastor  
Josh Munan, Associate Pastor  
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Contact the church regarding Bible Studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

### Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

(14 Kilometers East of Didsbury)  
Pastor John Lucas  
Office: 335-4422  
Home: 335-8923  
Sunday School For All Ages 10:00 a.m.  
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For information concerning weekly activities please call the church office.

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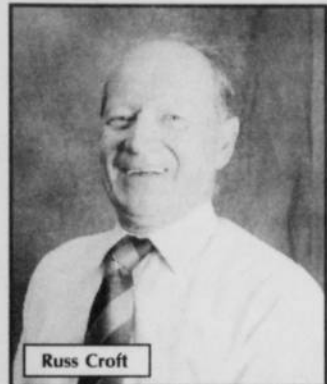
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# Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Kathleen Windsor

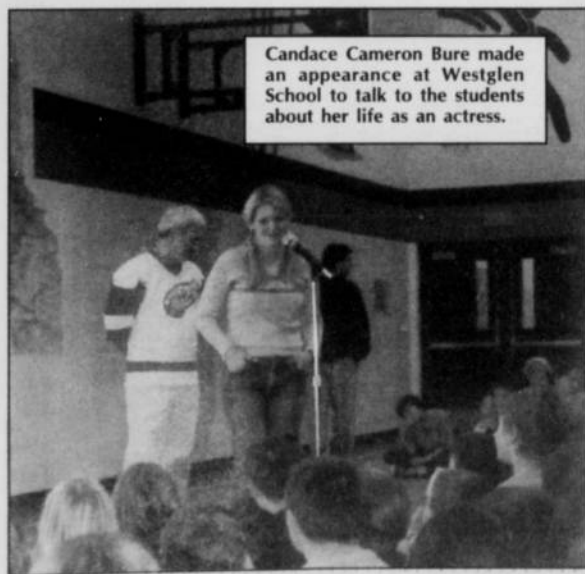


Russ Croft

## Together We Serve

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest and oldest service club organization, and has been in Canada since 1920. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired, as well as serving young people. "We Serve" is the association's official motto, and Didsbury resident, Russ Croft, will be serving with the Club as District Governor next

June. "My personal motto as District Governor is 'Because We Care - Together We Serve'." His district includes 58 clubs in this area, and members are not strangers in this district at this high a level. "I am following in the footsteps of four people from our area," Russ says. "Brian Pound from Carstairs, Ed Vermunt from Didsbury, (the late) Bill Mills from Bowden, and Eli Dobush from Olds." The district Russ will be representing is fairly extensive and goes from Oyen to Canmore and Bowden to Lethbridge. "I was a grass-roots type of candidate," says Russ modestly, "and was supported fairly well in this district." As many before him, Russ has his pet projects, and his particular leaning is toward youth programs. "We have had a Lions Quest project in Bowden and Sundre," he says. "Lions Quest supply programs in the schools that teach teachers to deal with the problems of youth, and provide skills for dealing with adolescents." Russ has only been a member of the Lions Club since 1991, but he has definitely been active. "I helped set up the recycling depot in Didsbury," he says. "I am with the Olds Lions now and we're supporting international projects such as Habitat for Humanity and a seniors housing complex, as well as Pool 2000 and a special room at the hospital," he says. "We're also one of the few clubs that still door canvas for the CNIB," he says proudly. As District Governor, his activities will reach beyond Didsbury. "I must visit each town in the district," he says, "and report back to Illinois. I'll be attending charter nights and special anniversaries at different clubs too." Russ will also be attending the International Convention in Indianapolis. In his spare time, Russ enjoys hiking in the mountains, playing chess, and cross-country skiing. During his term as District Governor, Russ has plans to work together with the many clubs in the district, and we wish him well.



Candace Cameron Bure made an appearance at Westglen School to talk to the students about her life as an actress.

## 'Tis the Season

With all the hustle and bustle associated with the Christmas season, it's nice to be reminded about what we are really celebrating this holiday, and one of the most pleasant places to be reminded is at the Live Nativity hosted by the Didsbury's Redeemer Lutheran Church on 23rd Street. "Harry Reese organizes it every year," says Pastor Rob Mohns. "The Kershaw family donates animals and we are very appreciative of this," he adds. The Town provides lights and bleachers, so there are plenty of seats available for the many people who come out each year to see the story of Christmas unfold. "Mary and Joseph come into the stable," says Pastor Rob, "and the wise men and shepherds are there. The angels are on top of the roof, and it's all done to familiar Christmas carols and a narration of the birth of Jesus." The participants work hard to honour what it was really like, and as Pastor Rob says, "the community is so supportive." The performances are held at 7:30 p.m. on December 21, 22, and 23rd, rain or shine. "One year we had a full moon and large snowflakes coming down," says Pastor Rob. "It was beautiful. Of course," he adds with a smile, "we've also done it in storms as well. Whether it's cold or warm, the story brings peace and joy into our lives," he says. Besides approximately 30 actors, members of the congregation have been working on the set and animal care. "Howard and Laura Krebs provide the horses, Bev Regner and Lorna Reese have done the costuming. It's just wonderful participation. It also helps kids to see the gift God gives us in the birth of Jesus, and helps keep things in perspective," he adds. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Live Nativity this holiday season and come into the church following the performance and get warm with Christmas goodies donated from members of the congregation.



Pastor Rob Mohns

## Racing in the States

Being part of a team competing in international competition is a dream many of us share, and this dream has come true for Adam Barr of Didsbury, as he heads to California to participate in the 2001 AMA/EA Sports Supercross Series. Adam is the son of Mike and Sharon Barr, and will be the mechanic for driver Doug Dahan, a supercross racer sponsored by Blackfoot Honda. Adam works at Blackfoot Motorsports in Calgary and is very excited to be a part of Team Honda Canada, sponsored by Blackfoot Motorsports. "It's going to be fun," he says. "I work for one driver, overhauling his bikes and making sure they are in top running condition for each race. Doug has two bikes and I'll be modifying each bike's performance for racing conditions." Adam did a little work last summer for Team Honda Canada in the Canadian Motocross Racing Club's Nationals, in Lethbridge, Calgary, Montreal, Manitoba, and Walton, Ontario, and was pleased to be selected as mechanic for Dahan. "I specialize in two-stroke dirt bike engines," Adam says. Adam has always been interested in motor bikes and has been racing since he was 15 and built his own track out on his parent's farm. The 22-year old will be down in the States until February. There are three races in Anaheim, California, and another in Phoenix, Arizona that they will be participating in. "We race inside a stadium," Adams says. "It's a tight track with big jumps." Adam's job during the race is equally important. "The mechanic gives signals to the driver with a pit board," he says. "It's basically the only communication the driver has as to how the race is going." All the races will be aired on ESPN later in the year. Doug Dahan was the No. 2 racer in Canada last year, and with Adam's help, should do well again on the 2001 racing circuit.



Adam Barr

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# Holiday fire safety tips

## Christmas tree safety

- Place the tree away from exits and heat sources.
- Never decorate a tree with burning candles.
- Check tree lights for damaged or loose connections and discard damaged light sets.
- Replace burnt-out bulbs

immediately or other bulbs may overheat and become a fire hazard.

- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and inspect all extension cords before using.
- Turn off all Christmas lights before leaving the house or going to bed.

• If a tree catches fire, do not try to move it. If available, use a fire extinguisher to put out the flames. If not, leave the house and call the fire department.

## Keeping live trees safe

- The fresher a tree is, the safer it is. Select a tree with needles that do not pull easily

from the branches or break when gently bent.

- Clean the tree-stand with a mixture of one cup of water and a capful of bleach.

• Re-cut the trunk diagonally five centimetres above the old cut line and immediately place it in water.

- Always keep the water level in the tree-stand above the cut line.

- Remove the tree as soon as

possible after the holidays.

- Never burn a tree in a fireplace or stove.

## Fireplace safety

- Have your chimney checked by a professional each winter and cleaned if necessary.

• Use a screen in front of the fireplace to keep sparks and embers in.

- Get rid of ashes in a metal container and never store them in your home.



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# Holiday shopping survival tips for men

Yesterday, Retail Council of Canada released a list of tips to help Moms have an enjoyable and safe shopping experience this holiday. Here are some tips for men so they too can make the most of the season. Tips for families will be released tomorrow.

1. Start shopping now so you don't have to rush at the last minute. (Yes, we know some guys think of last-minute shopping as a sport - but, really, December 23rd is just a bit late to begin making your purchases!)

2. Now is also the time to

check your holiday decorations for wear and tear. Replace any damaged or worn light cords, bulbs and ornaments.

3. Keep your wallet safely buttoned in your back pocket. Better yet, put it in a front pocket.

4. Save time and hassle by

taking advantage of gift-wrapping services. (Not that we question your gift-wrapping abilities, but we've heard rumours!)

5. Before shopping for clothes for your spouse or girlfriend, check her wardrobe to determine her favourite colours, designers and styles. (And remem-

ber, size matters - get it right! If you're in a spot, err on the side of caution - buy a smaller size.)

6. Not sure what to get your mate? Your partner may be dropping hints. Listen closely. (And if you have children, you may want to ask them: "Do you know what your Mother wants?")

7. Before you buy, ask about the store's return and exchange policies. Keep all receipts. (See point 5 above.)



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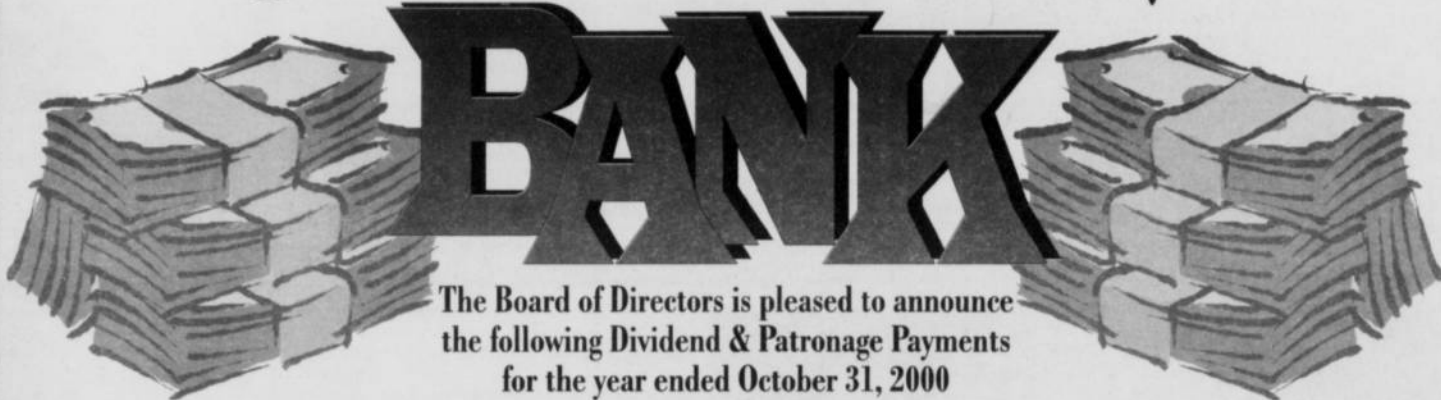
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Above: John Kohut of the Rosebud Health Foundation accepts a cheque for \$1,000 from Beulah Gilson of the Knox UCW Thrift Store. Below: Kohut accepts a cheque for \$600 from the Carstairs Legion #53, represented by Tom Patterson (left) and Bill Jepps (right). Both donations will be put towards the purchase of a Cardiac Monitoring System for the Didsbury Hospital.



## Forage rotation ideas

The dry summer, the increase in low residue producing special crops, the increase in fuel and fertilizer prices - all are factors in the decisions surrounding the value of forage in a crop rotation.

"Forages can increase soil organic matter," says Gordon Frank, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Brooks.

"Their roots are resistant to decay. The years in forage allow land to be untilled for the life of the stand. This reduces oxidation of organic matter. Organic matter protects soil from erosion, improves water and nutri-

ent holding capacity and reduces compaction."

Forages like alfalfa tap into deep soil water and nutrients. Lowering a water table can reduce soil salinity and leached nutrients can be brought to the surface by deep roots. Forage roots leave open channels for water movement. Soil micro-organisms often flourish under these conditions.

"Forages also reduce weeds," adds Frank.

"The frequent cutting controls most perennial weeds. Reduced tillage encourages beetles and other small creatures to eat weed seeds at or

near the surface. However, perennial broad-leaf forages can cause an increase in weeds, such as dandelions. Shortening the stand life to three years and rotating to a grass/cereal species will minimize the time dandelions have to become established."

Rotating nitrogen producing legumes more frequently provides the best future benefit from fixed nitrogen and the burst of yield from rotation itself. Although forages have been shown to improve soil and yield for up to nine years, the biggest benefit is in the first few years after.

## Farm and ranch diversification

The face of agriculture has been changing considerably over the last few years. Look around the rural landscape and it's easy to see many examples of farm revenue diversification enterprises.

"Agri-tourism and farm direct marketing are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the variety of enterprises encompassing the new agricultural economy," says Janice McGregor, rural development specialist - business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Morinville. "What was once viewed as hobby farming has taken on new meaning as farmers seek to add value to their farm products and services."

Today, agricultural producers are:

- exploring non-traditional farm animals and crops;
- providing educational consulting and training;
- testing new marketing and distribution channels such as e-commerce;
- adding value to existing products through processing and packaging;
- promoting farm and ranch recreation;
- revitalizing historic buildings, machinery and equipment; and,
- establishing contract services, leases and time shares.

The word agripreneur describes a producer who organizes, operates and assumes the risk for diversification of an established or new business associated with food, agriculture or a natural resource. Agripreneurs carefully assess their land, buildings, equipment and skills before determining niche market diversification opportunities.

By capitalizing on the skills and interests of farm family members and through creative packaging and marketing, they open up many non-traditional channels to sell agricultural products and services.

"There has been much discussion about what a successful diversified farm operation looks like," adds McGregor. "It's difficult to collect benchmark data on new farm diversification options as producers are often unwilling to share costs of production, marketing tips and contacts, organizational structure or sources of information. Much of the information available is anecdotal, and we don't know if an idea that works in one area or on one particular farm will work as effectively anywhere else given the different natural

resources, people and skills involved."

Diversification examples abound on the Internet. Some intriguing ideas include:

- theme dinners at a B & B
- culinary classes using artisan food products grown on the farm
- wine fellowships
- cheese subscriptions
- mail order Christmas trees
- on-line herb catalogs
- on-farm concerts at an outdoor amphitheatre
- working ranch holidays, gold panning, customized bus tours
- quail leases
- 'Rent Mother Nature' - rent a maple tree, lobster pot, beehive
- 'Rent the Ranch' - by the day, week or month
- farm apprenticeships
- stewardship workshops

"It is clear from these examples that the farm operators involved have identified their target customer, developed valuable networks and assessed the risks and opportunities of adding value to their current products and services," says McGregor.

"They've integrated the new enterprises into their working operation and involved all family members and staff in the provision of good customer service. It all adds up to success whichever way you look at it!"

The October 2000 issue of the *Northwest Processor* newsletter spotlights eight farm direct marketers. The newsletter links rural food processors and farm managers with research, technology and food industry information.

The *Northwest Processor* newsletter is published four times a year and is free of charge. To read more on successful farm diversification operations in Alberta call 780-349-4465 and ask to be put on the mailing list.

If you are seeking information on farm diversification, plan to attend Explore Direct: Marketing rural Alberta products direct to consumers.

This two-day conference, February 26 and 27, 2001, covers a variety of direct marketing and diversification options. Topics include: logo development, risk management (insurance issues), e-commerce, customer service, labour options and farmers' markets.

Conference brochures are available from Kerry Engel, rural development specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Westlock, at (780) 349-4465.

# Choosing next year's variety of crops to plant

It's time for farmers to start thinking about variety selections for next year. There is, as always, a lot of information on available varieties, but farmers are often leery about the source. Developing skill in evaluating information is always valuable.

"It's important to remember that no source of varietal information is perfect," says Ron Hockridge, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "The Alberta Agriculture publication on varieties of cereals and oilseeds is good information, but even the people who produce the data are quick to point out its limitations."

"For the Alberta Agriculture publication, tests are set up to receive an equal comparison, that means that all varieties are treated the same in each test site. Even the testing in different sites is standardized as much as possible. While this sounds fair, it also means that varieties with special strengths may not get to demonstrate them, for example herbicide tolerance may be an advantage but that feature may not be seen if all weeds are controlled by another method."

Small plots tend to yield higher than full field plantings but the difference between varieties should be similar. Replication takes out some of the error and gives an estimate of how much of the difference can actually be attributed to variety. The variety publication can be confidently used, but farmers should remember that the data has an error factor of 5 per cent for cereals and 8 per cent for canola.

"Strip trials are closer to the farm situation," adds Hockridge. "They are large enough to go across variations in the soil and their long, narrow form is an attempt to get all varieties tested across the same variations. Their larger size increases the risk of having different conditions for each variety though. Replication reduces that risk and gives an estimate of how much differences in yield can be attributed to other factors."

Another approach to comparing varieties is the Alberta Management Insights program. Farmers are asked to submit information on their varieties, tillage practices, fertility program and a few other agronomic practices when they send in their crop insurance

yield information. In return, they can get a report to show how their production compares to their area average and provincial average. The data bank is used to pro-

duce a leaflet with information on varieties. This gives actual farm data, but information is only gathered after varieties are registered and in farmers' hands. Numbers cannot be

generated for varieties where the average includes less than five farms, so many of the new varieties are not listed.

"All approaches to generating data on varieties

are valuable," says Hockridge. "Farmers have to know their limitations and make judgements from all the information at their disposal. Then they have to put it in perspective.

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# Wheat Board bulletin

## At a glance

• Gord Flaten, Director, Market Development and David Gallant, Manager, Information Services will address participants attending the CWB's 5th annual Moving Up Market conference, "E-Agriculture - A Site to Behold" on Dec. 5 in Red Deer, Alberta. Flaten and Gallant will present the CWB's e-business strategy and talk about how the CWB will incorporate Internet technology to better service farmers' needs.

• CWB Directors Wilf Harder and David Hilton, along with Chief Executive Officer, Greg Arason and Market Development Programmer, Patty Rosher, are attending the Canada Grains Council semi-annual meeting Dec. 3 to 5 in Ottawa, Ontario. The semi-annual meeting gives Grains Council members and industry leaders the chance to discuss changing market factors affecting Canada's grains, oilseeds and special crops industry.

## From elevator to port

• Four companies participated in the tendering process for rail cars this past week. Mainline Terminal Ltd. (Langbank, SK), Delmar Commodities Ltd. (Winkler, MB), Great Sandhills Terminal Ltd. (Leader, SK) and North West Terminal Ltd. (Unity, SK) were awarded a total of 191 cars for the movement of wheat and durum to Thunder Bay and Vancouver.

• Rail car unloads of all grains at Vancouver for week 18 (week ending December 3) were 3,276 compared to 3,508 last week. Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totaled 2,518 cars, up from 2,109 last week. Unloads at Prince Rupert were 904, compared to 527 a week ago.

• Primary elevator space in the week ending December 3 (week 18) was 19 per cent, unchanged from a week ago. Primary elevator space by province (with last week's space in brackets) was as follows: Manitoba - 19 per cent (21 per cent),

Saskatchewan 17 per cent (17 per cent), and Alberta 21 per cent (22 per cent).

## FOB forward

• Waiting times for vessels loading in the Port of Vancouver continue to drop. As at December 1, six vessels were loading and 16 were waiting to load. Of those waiting, 11 had been waiting for five days or less and only one vessel had been in the port more than three weeks.

## Potpourri

• A group of 25 farmers from across the Prairies are participating in the fifth annual Combine to Customer course at the Canadian International Grains Institute Dec. 4 to 8. The Combine to Customer program was initiated by the CWB to give farmers the opportunity to learn more about the end-use requirements for wheat, malting barley, feed grains, oilseeds and special crops required by Canada's customers.

# Agri-news brief

## Organics included as part of the Food Safety Line

The availability of organic foods is increasing. Consumers can now purchase them at their local retail grocery stores as well as farmer's markets and directly from producers. Organic foods provide more choice for consumers. However, they may mean different things to different consumers and misconceptions often exist about what they offer. For example, organic foods are not more nutritious or safer than conventionally produced foods. The staff of the Food Safety Info Line has produced a factsheet to provide information on:

- what are organic foods?
- how consumers can identify organic foods
- how organic foods are regulated

• safe handling tips  
Consumers can obtain free copies of the factsheet and other food safety information by calling the **Food Safety Info Line at 1-800-892-8333**. The Food Safety Info Line is a not-for-profit organization that provides consumers with direct access to current, credible food safety information through a toll-free phone line, science based information resources and public education. Food safety specialists are available for interviews about this and other food safety issues as they arise. For further information, contact Jane Carlyle, coordinator, Food Safety Info Line.

## TREE OF HOPE

Last Sunday evening saw the lighting of the HA5 Tree of Hope. Didsburians purchased bulbs for the tree in memory of loved ones or to offer Christmas hope to those who are ill. Nearly \$2,000 was raised for the Palliative Care Unit of the Didsbury Hospital. Fundraiser coordinator Dean England poses in front of the tree outside Unit 4.



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# What the leading edge farm manager wants for Christmas this year

by Dale Robinson

With Christmas just around the corner many of us are still trying to decide on the perfect gift for those on our shopping lists. The farm manager (both male and female) tends to be one of the more difficult people to buy for. So here are a few suggestions:

A personal digital organizer (PDA). Made by companies like Palm and Handspring these "memory boxes" are small enough to fit in a pocket but big enough to hold a lot of stuff that would be forgotten otherwise. For example, they can hold the phone numbers and addresses for all of the people and firms that you deal with.

Both shopping and "to do" lists are easy to do and the device will even give you a reminder on the due date.

It also can provide reminders for those really important dates like anniversaries and birthdays.

The new Field-Mate program from Settler. Now that new Palm or Handspring PDA can be

used to collect crop data in the field and then in a few seconds it is zapped across to the Field-Master crop management program at the end of the day. This is a lot easier than dragging a laptop computer around in the field or trying to remember all the details of a busy day in the fields. Of course farmers using a different crop record program will want to ask the company when they will be making this feature available to their customers.

A new computer for the kids AND a home networking kit. Yes this really is a gift for the farm manager(s) because it will get the kids off of the farm computer and let them keep their record keeping up to date.

Just think of being able to work on your accounting, beef herd management, crop records, etc. before 10 p.m.

The home networking kit costs about two hundred dollars but allows both computers to share the same Internet access and printer.

An annual subscrip-

tion (or a renewal) for a good marketing newsletter.

With regular and timely information on price changes in the key commodities for your farm the farm manager can keep track of the local basis and be prepared to take advantage of pricing opportunities as they arrive. The insight and analysis of both North American and global market trends will also aid in making those planting decisions for next spring.

A day or two off the farm to attend a course or seminar that will stretch their mind and stimulate some creativity.

A plain old production seminar will not do here - it should be on a higher level such as setting your strategic direction or finding new market opportunities.

With gifts like these the farm manager on your shopping list will not only be happy on Christmas morning - they will be more productive and more effective in the year to come.

# Code for livestock operations updated

The code outlining technical standards for new and expanding livestock operations has been updated to provide greater protection of the environment while reducing potential nuisance from dust, odor and noise.

The 2000 Code of Practice for Responsible Livestock Development and Manure Management replaces the 1995 Code of Practice for the Safe and Economic Handling of Animal Manures. Advances in research and technology have been included, as well as input gathered through the public consultation process led by the Livestock Regulatory Stakeholder Advisory Group (LRSAG).

"Livestock developers and the public have been asking for clear standards for intensive livestock operations," said Ty Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "While we work toward a comprehensive provincial strategy, the update Code provides clarity of the technical standards for siting and manure management." Key changes to the Code include:

- Enhanced standards for manure storage and application to prevent contamination of surface and ground water.
- Enhanced requirements to reduce conflict with other land users.
- Requirements on manure application to allow better utilization of nutrients by crops.

The update and release of the Code is another step in the process of developing a comprehensive provincial strategy for livestock production in Alberta. Education and information programs, technology development, peer review processes and certification programs are also being developed and implemented.

A committee, led by Albert Klapstein, MLA for Leduc, was appointed recently to review and make recommendations on issues specific only to approval processes, municipal and provincial roles and ongoing monitoring. The committee will report back in early spring 2001.

"The new Code complements the work now underway by the Klapstein committee," said Lund. "The Code focuses on the technical issues and their work is focused on approvals and monitoring."

Municipalities have the jurisdiction over development applications. Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD) has provided expertise on livestock development applications at a municipality's request, basing their recommendations on adherence to the 1995 Code. AAFFRD staff will continue to provide this service now using the updated Code. Copies of the 2000 Code are available on Ropin the Web at [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca) by following the links or by calling 1-800-292-5697.

# Agricore directors return farmer executive

Agricore's farmer board of directors returned the incumbents to its three person executive at the conclusion of the co-operative's 3rd annual meeting in Edmonton this past week. Alberta farmer, Neil Silver of Huxley was re-elected president of the 80,000 member organization. Jim Wilson from Darlingford, Manitoba, is first vice-president and Dennis Nanninga from Barrhead, Alberta, is second vice-president for another year-long term.

Ninety-two of a possible 96 delegates attended the annual meeting. They reviewed the farmer-owned co-operative's business performance and made recommendations regarding the future direction of Agricore.

Silver describes the week's session as "intense." He says delegates are all concerned about their own futures as farmers and therefore have a good grasp of the challenges Agricore faces right now. "Understandably, delegates were upset that we didn't pay a patronage dividend again this year," Sil-

ver says. "We are committed to doing everything we can to change that for next year."

Delegates focused on four main issues - farm income, Agricore's bottom line, grain transportation and country elevator closures. Silver says delegates support Agricore's call for increased government support, either direct or through such measures as rebates of farm and rail fuel taxes. Delegates passed a resolution requesting that the federal government work with provincial governments to create a farm income program that would flow through NISA on a whole farm basis to be activated when needed and capped on the same basis as NISA.

"Delegates want the current impasse over grain transportation to be resolved quickly," Silver says. "They're also most upset over the Wheat Board's current with-holding of freight payments."

Silver says delegates are looking for the proper balance between the obvious need to reduce costs in Agricore's system and the

requirement to serve farmers and end-use customers expediently. They passed a resolution instructing Agricore management to explore all possible business uses for elevators deemed redundant within the new high throughput system.

Four of the 12 directors on Agricore's farmer board were up for election during the annual meeting. Two were acclaimed - Doug Parker of Cecil Lake, BC and Brian Lindeman of Milk River, Alberta. Delegates re-elected Allen Oberger of Forestburg, Alberta. Rob Pettinger of Elgin, Manitoba defeated Brian Saunderson of Souris, Manitoba.

Silver thanked Saunderson for his many years of dedicated service as a delegate and director of Manitoba Pool Elevators and Agricore.

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## Didsbury Men's Open Bonspiel

by Carson & Marge

Thirty teams from Torrington, Olds, Carstairs, Calgary, Crossfield and Didsbury participated, and along with their fans to cheer them on, there was great excitement all week long.

The split C/D event has proved very popular; it eliminates the gruelling four-game back-to-back series of games on Saturday, which all curlers dread. Utilicorps Networks, Canada, Alberta Treasury Branch, Mountain View Credit Union, Molson Canadian, Royal Bank, and Didsbury Liquor and Beer (Gary Gaudette) supplied wonderful prizes for all event winners. Visiting teams and spectators expressed many positive remarks in regard to our rink, rocks and the ice, which we are very proud of. The volunteer kitchen and refreshment staff did a super job in serving the customers, once again making this a very successful bonspiel.

Now to the winners:

### A Event

1. Ed Bauer - Olds skipped by Daryl Bauer, third Mitchell Bauer, second Jason Ensminger and lead Ed
2. Larry Richardson - Olds with Brian Houchin, Darren Brown, Doug Manning
3. Gene Leonard - Olds
4. Rick Bishop - Calgary

### B Event

1. Gary Gaudette, Larry Flessetti, Kent Clifford, Curtis

### Heemeryck

2. Bert Pringle - with Don Regner, Wes Thomas, Mark Wettlaufer
3. Lyle Craven - Didsbury
4. Mitch Rauhala - Didsbury

### C Event

1. Steve Richardson - Olds, with Dale Machan, Bruce Stevens, Bill McNab.
2. Clarence Martin - Torrington, with Dan Martin, Dave Wahatley, Robert Martin
3. Vance van Dam - Didsbury

### 4. Eric Allen - Olds

### D Event

1. Harry Reese, Greg Reese, Barry Reese, Bob Monteith
2. Neil Youngs, Richard Stickney, Ken Stephen, Ray Arnold
3. Rick Phillips Jr. - Calgary
4. Mark Baron - Didsbury

A new feature was added this year. A draw-to-the-button contest in which all players participated through the week came down to the finals on Saturday afternoon. When all measurements were done, the big winner was Don Shierman of Didsbury and runner up was Gary Gaudette of Didsbury, way to go men!!!

Gordon Luft was the lucky winner of the Curling Bag Raffle. Upon leaving all teams expressed their desire to return in 2001 and there sure was some surprised Calcutta winners!!!

## Mountain View Colts have new coaches

The Mountain View Colts have acquired a new coach to replace Cliff Murphy and Art Pieper, who have left the team for work-related reasons. The Colts welcomed Jim Waiting from Olds to their team after an initial evaluation by both parties. Coach Waiting brings a wealth of playing and coaching experience to the team. His past work includes coaching at the local minor level as well as work with teams in Europe and professional playing experience. Although outgoing coaches Murphy and Pieper will be missed, the team looks forward to playing under new coach Waiting.

The Colts' new coach will be working with assistant coach Cory Shields, who remains with the team and looks forward to a more expanded role. Joining Waiting in an advisory role will be Murray Taks, a member of the Colts executive. General Manager Doug Brander also looks forward to being able to concentrate on his duties off ice.



# Mountain View Colts news

Despite the -30 temperatures outside the Colts set the ice on fire this weekend spanking both opposition teams.

Saturday the Colts hosted the Big Country Raptors. The Colts opened the scoring 30 seconds into the game by deChamplain assisted by Lesyk and Swanson. The Colts scored twice more this period by Lesyk assisted by Swanson and Miller, and by Montgomery assisted by Pieper and Cote, before the Raptors would put one on the scoreboard.

Drumheller scored two goals early in the second sending the Colts scrambling. After this wakeup call the Colts rebounded and pounded Big Country's netminder scored four more times by McGinn with two and singles to Lemieux and McMullen. Assists went to Montgomery and Overwater with a pair and singles to Cote, Pieper, Swanson and Lesyk. Third period action the Colts played defensively, not willing to let the Raptor out of their own zone. The Colts did manage to put two more points on the Scoreboard by Overwater assisted by McGinn, and by Lesyk assisted by Swanson and Miller to end the game 9-3 in favour of the hometown team. Out netminder Adam Anderson stopped 29 shots between the pipes.

Sunday the Cochrane Generals arrived in town and played in what looked like was going to be a close game. After one period of play the score was 4-3 in favour of Colts with points going to Swanson, MacRae, Lesyk and Montgomery and assists going to McMullen with two and Overwater with one. Second

period the Colts dominated the play scoring four more times not giving the General a chance to regroup. Goals in this period went to Overwater, deChamplain, McMullen and MacRae with assists going to Anderson, Lesyk, Erick, Lemieux and Miller. The third period was once again dominated by the Colts who score four goals to the Generals' two

by Lemieux with a pair and singles to Wright and Lesyk. Assists went to Erick with two and MacRae and Montgomery with singles. Final score a whopping 12-5 in favour of the Colts. Our netminder Ryan Taks played awesome this game.

Next home game is Saturday, December 23rd at 8:00 when Lacombe comes to town.

## Pee Wee "A" news

Well the boys had a great weekend of hockey, even if the temperature outside wasn't great! Two league games were played. It was in Crossfield for a 7:00 p.m. game on Saturday, with a pretty evenly matched back and forth hockey game. Didsbury came out on top with a final score of 5-4. Sunday was the mountains and a 2:00 p.m. league game played in Canmore. After being pulverized by this team once prior, the guys came back to even up the score and show them their hockey skills they left at home the first time. Didsbury skated away with a 7-3 victory. Good going Pee Wee's! And heh, how about all those new hockey jackets in town! Harder to pick out your kid!

## Olds Legion update

by Marge St. Clair

Special Events

**Branch Christmas Party:**

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment and dance to follow.

**New Years Eve Party**

Sunday, December 31st

Time: 8:00 p.m. to closing

**Sports**

Every Monday- Shuffleboard 1:00 p.m. - Cribbage 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday - Bingo 7:15 p.m. Darts 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday - Bridge 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday - Trivia 6:00 p.m.

Every Saturday- Meat Draws 5:00 p.m. - Horse Races 5 p.m.

**Entertainment**

December 15 & 16 - Run Away Sound

December 22 & 23 - Back - Back

December 29 & 30 - Kim Cote

Branch & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12

Nov. 2000 Early Bird Membership Winner: Cheryl L. Pedersen

Season's Greetings to all.



### Colts Hockey

The next home game of the Mountain View Colts will be on Dec. 23 at 8 p.m., when they take on Lacombe at the Didsbury Arena.



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## 7th Annual



## Didsbury Farm & Ranch Spiel

January 8 - 13, 2001

Events: 4

Entry Fee: \$80.00 (4 Banquet tickets included)

Entry Closing Date: December 20, 2000  
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## Announcements:

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## BIRTHS

**HOLUB:** Janice, Michael and BIG brother Tyler are pleased to announce the arrival of Bradley John Holub. Born Nov. 29, 2000 at 4:31 a.m., weighing 8 lbs, 11 oz, 22" long. Proud grandparents are Rose and Ed Smith of Calgary and Christina Holub of Didsbury. Proud cousin is Jonathan Thompson of Slave Lake.

## ENGAGEMENT

*Ric & Linda Arthurs and Allan & LeAnn Spreeman are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Lauren and Jason.*



*Wedding planned for August 11, 2001.*

## MEMORIALS

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What we would give to hold your hand  
And talk with you awhile,  
Remembering you is easy,  
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Losing you is the heartache that  
Will never go away.  
Miss you, Kelly.  
Forever loved, Grandma Milne.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of Bev Dippel, who passed away Dec. 11, 1997. December comes with great regret, A month that we will never forget. We hold our tears when we speak your name,  
But the ache in our hearts remains the same.

May the prayers of love blow gently,  
And whisper so you can hear,  
That we still love and miss you,  
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## CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE to thank all of my family, friends and neighbours for all the food, well wishes, cards, gifts, visits, flowers and help while I was in the hospital. Thank you also to Dr. Shone, Dr. Puts and the nurses for the great care. What a wonderful community to live in. Wanda Meyer.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CARSTAIRS

#### Christmas Concert

On Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. an old fashioned Christmas concert will be held with coffee fellowship to follow at the Carstairs Church of God. Everyone welcome.

### DIDSBURY

#### Christmas Program

All are welcome. On Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. the Choral group from St. Anthony's will be presenting a Christmas program at St. Cyprian's. On Dec. 17 the Choral group presents a similar presentation at St. Anthony's. No admission. Goodies to follow both.

### DIDSBURY

#### Christmas Dinner

Are you spending Christmas alone this year? Why not come join us and bring a friend on Dec. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Please call 335-2378 or 335-3629 to reserve.

#### Come to Bethlehem

On Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. everyone is invited to "Come to Bethlehem" and share in the Bergthal Sunday School Christmas Play and Bethlehem Market place. Coffee and goodies to follow. On Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the Bergthal Mennonite Church. Candy bags for children. Everyone welcome. Info at 337-2134.

### DIDSBURY

#### Xmas Dinner

Rosebud Hall Annual Christmas Dinner is Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. Potluck supper. Ladies please bring a casserole and salad or dessert. Everyone welcome. Santa will visit.

#### Christmas Banquet

Mountain View Church is holding their annual Community Christmas Banquet on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Hall. Special guests - "Like Father, Like Son." Fortickets or info call Vern 335-4436 or Doug 335-4435.

#### Wonder of Christmas

The Wonder of Christmas, a timeless story. 60 voice choir musical. Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### CARSTAIRS

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

#### CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

### DIDSBURY

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

#### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

### TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 337-5868.

### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

### TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388

### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

### DIDSBURY

#### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

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#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, social & educational program for children 3-5 years is accepting registrations. Register now for September and save \$10 off registration fee. Call Cherrie at 335-8039.

### LIONS

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### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

### HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at West Glen from 6:30-8 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

### AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3148 or 335-9787.

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#### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

#### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday night meetings have been suspended until September, due to the summer break.

#### HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to co-ordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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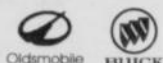
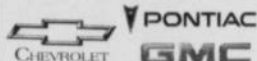


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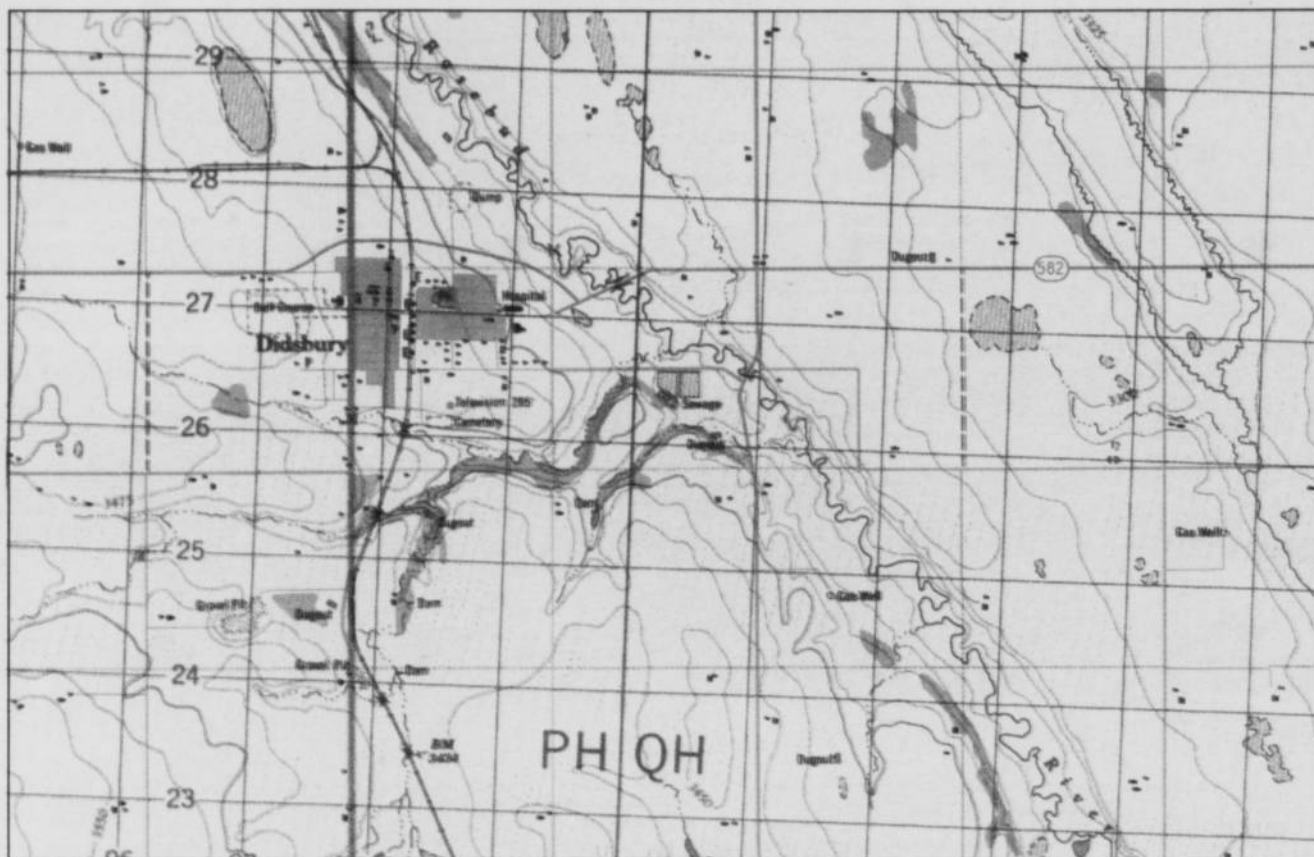
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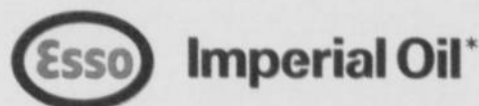


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